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FOR ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL FROM AMBASSADOR SNEIDER

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1. THIS IS NAM'S FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND I AM MOST ANXIOUS THAT WE OBTAIN MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM HIS VISIT. HE IS ONE OF THE FEW KEY MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM WE CAN DISCUSS FRANKLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS MILITARY PROCUREMENT, THE RESOLUTION OF THE COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM, ETC.'

2. AS YOU WILL NOTE IN REF (A), THE KOREANS STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF MANAGING A SERIOUS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM WITH A LITTLE LUCK DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1975. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT THE PL480 AND IMF ASSISTANCE WHICH HE WILL REQUEST DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON, REFERRED TO IN REF (B), ARE IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS IN MMS PLAN TO COPE WITH THIS SITUATION. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT HIM TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN THESE REQUESTS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR NAM PERSONALLY TO ACHIEVE SOME DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN WASHINGTON TO MAINTAIN HIS POSITION

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OF INFLUENCE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SOME

MEASURE OF SUCCESS WILL ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO
OBTAIN HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION AND SUPPORT ON IMPORTANT
ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ISSUES.

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